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In re Application of :  
Pairis et al. :  
Application No. 10/501,376 :  
PCT No.: PCT/GR03/00001 :  
Int. Filing Date: 15 January 2003 : DECISION  
Priority Date: 16 January 2002 :  
Atty. Docket No.: PAUS1 :  
For: Plastic Closing Cap With Sealing Ring :

This is in response to the papers filed on 14 July 2004, which are being treated under 37 C.F.R. 1.42.

#### BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 15 January 2003, claimed an earliest priority date of 16 January 2002, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau communicated a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 24 July 2003. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 16 July 2004. Applicants filed, *inter alia*, the basic national fee on 14 July 2004.

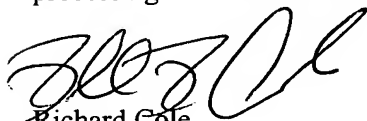
#### DISCUSSION


Review of the declaration of the inventors filed on 14 July 2004 reveals that it indicates that sole inventor Dimitrios Pairis is deceased. However, further review of the application file reveals that an executed declaration of the inventor was filed with the PCT Request form, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.17(iv). This declaration is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). Therefore, it is not necessary to consider the declaration filed on 14 July 2004.

#### CONCLUSION

The application is ACCEPTED for entry into the U.S. National Stage.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing. Its date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (2) and (4) is 14 July 2004.

  
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